

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortæbes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYRDEN

"JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE." — Joh. 10, 11.

Den som tror paa ham,
bliver ikke dømt; den som
ikke tror, er allerede
fordi han ikke har
paa Guds enbaarn
Navn.

Haugen, Rev. A. K.
mar 12

17de aargang.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Første Nr. i Mai, 1941

I EN STILLE STUND

"Hvem er hun som kommer op fra ørkenen som røgstøtter?" Høis. 3:6.

Naar bønner sammenlignes med røk der stiger rett opp som en støtte eller som et palmetræ i stille veir, saa skal dette uten tvil vere et billede paa at den gaar like rett opp til himlen, til Herrens trone. Ikke satan med all sin sluhet eller verden med all sin onnskap skal kunne forhindre dette. Ingen anføgtelse, ingen forfølgelse, ingen trengsel, ingen gjenvordighet formaar at skyve tilside eller forhindre adgangen til Gud den bønn som stiger opp til himlen fra det bodferdige hjertes alter. La bare verden, djevelen og helvede storme og rase saa meget de vil. Den gudfryktige sjels bønn forblir røkstøtten som stiger opp til Gud. Selv naar den indvortes og utvortes nød er saa stor at bønner forekommer en baade vanskelig og nytteløs, saa er det dog visst at det bedrøvede hjertes lønligste og utsigeligste sukke stiger som en røksøile opp til Gud, og henter fra ham den hjelp, kraft, og trøst som himlen har i rik overflod.

Der er blomster og planter som gir den nydeligste og kraftigste duft fra sig naar de begynder at vissne eller blir trampet paa. Saaledes er det ogsaa med de troende naar de i trengsler og anfektelser synes at vissne bort. Naar de har følelsen av at de hverken kan bede, graate, eller klage, saa utgaar der alikevel en kraft fra dem som beveger baade himmel og jord.

"Herre Jesus, glede's kilde,
Som min angest vil formilde,
Alt mit haap i verdens sorg.
Du min trøster fremfor alle,
Du min stav naar jeg vil falde,
Du min tilflukt, skjold, og borg.
Ja jeg vet at du mig prøver
Og en liten stund bedrøver
For at skjenke mig en strøm
Ut av livsens kildes aarer
For de her utøstes taarer,
I det ny Jerusalem."

(N. F.)

Fra Winnipeg, Man.

Den norske koloni og kirke i Winnipeg har i disse dage sagt farvel til nogen av de mest skattede medlemmer idet hr. og fru H. Hillesland og datter har forlatt byen og bosat sig i Hamilton, Ont., hvor hr. Hillesland har arbeide som mekaniker.

Kvindeforeningen i den Norsk Lutherske kirke arrangerte for en avskedsfest i kirkens forsamlingsal paa onsdag den 19 mars. Mange folk var samlet, som gledet sig over et godt program og god hyggelig stemning, med taler og sang. To damer foretrak at uttrykke sig paa vers, som av den ene blev sunget og av den anden oplæst.

Som erindring blev fru Hillesland overrakt et armbaandsur i guld, og hr. Hillesland fik et set Parkers fyldepen og blyant. Aftenens taler var hr. konsul Kummen, og sammenkomstens vertinde fru Clevén, som i parentes bemerket er hr. Hilleslands tante.

Den Norsk Lutherske Kirke i Winnipeg ønsker familien god lykke i de nye omgivelser, og haaper en dag at se dem tilbake paa gamle tomter igjen.

Søndag den 30 mars var der konfirmation i den Norsk Lutherske kirke i Winnipeg. Tolv konfirmanter, seks gutter og seks piker, fornyet sit daapsløfte. En av pikerne var June Hillesland, som samme aften sammen med sin mor tok toget til Hamilton, Ont. Alle konfirmanterne hørte hjemme i Winnipeg, med undtagelse av en pike fra Dugald, Man., ved navn Kristiansen.

—B. E.



TILLYKKE PAA MORSDAGEN, MOR!

"Du turka taarer av mitt kinn so mang ein Herrens gong,
Og kyste meg som guten din og bles meg ut i barmen inn
min sigerfulle song.
Og gamle du, du gav til meg mi mjuke hjarterot,
Og derfor maa eg elska deg, kvarhelst eg vankar paa min veg,
um so paa villan fot."

Med disse ord av den norske landsmaalsdikter Vinje vil Hyrden gjerne faa sende en hjertevarm hilsen til alle de av vore lesere, gamle og unge, som bærer det vakre navn Mor:

GUD VELSIGNE KIRKENS MØDRE!

"Vei har du alle steder"

Det var like etter krigsutbruddet i Europa høsten 1939. I Norge hadde vi ikke ennå direkt berøring med urolighetene, men alikevel hadde vi saa at si daglig føling med dem. Nordsjøen blev et av de farligste farvand. Senkning av baater saavel noitrale som for de krigførende makter forekom hver dag. Hyrerne for fart paa Nordsjøen steg til det mangdobbelte, og lokket mang en norsk gut ut paa det nu dobbelt farefulde hav.

Paa en av de mange øer som omgir den norske vestkyst staar en lordagskveld til brødre ferdige at gaa til dans i nabolaget. Vi vil kalde dem Leif og Einar. Deres far kommer og ber dem om at være hjemme den kveld, men til ingen nytte. Mismodet velter in over faren og det lyder saa saart: "Mor og jeg har nu bedt til Gud om eders frelse i mange aar, men det ser ut at være nyttesløst".

Det er utpaa natten. Einar med en kammerat kommer fra dansen. Et stykke fra Einars hjem setter de sig ned ved veikanten og prater. Einar siger til sin kammerat: "Jeg tror jeg vil reise tilsjøen nu, hyrerne er saa gode." Kammeraten svarer: "Da maa du først omvende dig, for det er farefuldt paa havet i disse tider."

Livets og dødens alvor griper dem begge, og Einar svarer at det er like-saa nødvendig for kammeraten at bli frelst. De blir begge enige om at søge Gud der med engang, men hvorledes skulde det skje? "Far kan hjelpe oss", sa Einar, "La oss gaa hjem til ham."

De kommer hjem til Einars far, vekker ham og siger at han maa hjelpe dem at faa fred med Gud. Faren blir saa overrasket at han knapt

kan fatte hvad de siger. Spørger hvad som har bevæget dem til det, om der hadde hendt noget paa dansen eller en ulykke paa sjøen. Det var intet av delerne, men nu maatte de faa fred med Gud. Der blev ikke mer søvn den natten, men bøn, graat, og frydesang i stuen.

Kort tid efter tar Einar hyre med en baat som gikk paa England. Foreldrene sat i smaa kaar og han vilde hjelpe dem med hvad han kunde tjene.

Komne op mot den engelske kyst paa første tur blir baaten torpedert uten varsel. Der var bare tid at faa en av livbaatene ut, og Einar som var paa et andet sted paa skibet maatte hoppe paa sjøen. Der laa han og kjempet for livet i de kolde bølger. Mens han laa der kom tanken: "Hvorfor skal jeg stræve slig, jeg er frelst og gaar hjem til Gud." Men saa kom en anden tanke — det var foreldrene paa øen derhjemme i Norge. Han hadde ønsket at faa være dem tilhjelpe, men nu vilde de faa sorg istedet. Han optog kampen for livet paa ny og bad til Gud om redning. Senere blir han optat av livbaaten som allerede var overfylt. Det var klart at den ikke kunde holde alle. Kapteinen sa at der var formange i baaten og skulde nogen av dem ha haap om redning saa maatte to hoppe i sjøen, svømme over til nogen planke som flöt i nærheten, der var da lidt haap om at ialfald nogen kunde bli reddet. "Men, sa han", jeg vil ikke kommandere nogen. Er der ikke nogen som vil melde sig frivillig?"

Einar melder sig først og siger: "Jeg er frelst, og om jeg ikke blir reddet saa gaar jeg hjem til Gud. Dere andre er ikke rede til at dø". Med en formanig til dem hopper han i sjøen og svømmer over til plan-

Et Ord til de Gamle og Trette

I en av sine skrifter sier den nu for ikke saa faa aar siden avdøde norske prest, Birger Hall:

Paa stadion i Athen feiret man engang avslutningen av det berømte Marathonløpet. Der seksti tusen tilskuerne var aandeløs spente paa utfallet. De ønsket alle at en landsmann skulde vinne. Og naar den første som kom til syne paa løpebanen, var en greker, brøt det ut en jubel som ingen ende vilde ta. Men seier-vinneren segnet dødstrett om ved maalet, og greide ikke aa gaa gjennom det lange stadion hen til kongetribunen, hvor kongen selv vilde lykønske landsmannen sin. Men da reiste kronprinsen sig og sprang bort og hjalp den dødstrette løperen hen til tronen, mens folket jublet.

Gamle pilegrim — du som ikke har langt igjen til maalet, men som ofte følger dig saa uendelig matt og svak — fatt mot! Det siste stykket av banen er tungt, det er sant. Krefte dine er ebbet ut. Du er segneferdig. Men husk: Kongens sønn, Menneskesønnen, har reist sig for aa komme dig til hjelp. Han formerer den trettes krefter og gir den kraft som ingen har! Han skal ikke glemme dig! Tvert om, han vil selv komme og ta dig under armen og føre dig fremover. Vær viss paa at han slipper dig ikke før du er ved tronens fot.

Fra "Lutheraneren".

Quisling Skal Ikke Henges—Paa Veggen!

Fra Oslo berettes via Washington at undervisningsdepartementet for nogen uker siden gav beskjed om at Quislings bilde skulde henges paa veggen i klasse og foredragslokaler av alle høiere lereanstalter, universitetet indbefattet. Men for dette betydningsfulde led i "Den Nye Orden" kunde realiseres, kom der ny ordre, dennegang tilsynelatende fra tyske overhøigheter, som ophævet bestemmelsen av Lilleput-a-la-Hitler i Oslo.

Quisling er altsaa ennå ikke hengt.

kerne. En anden følger efter. Om en tid er alle optat av et forbipasserende skib.

Einar kommer hjem igjen. Hans oplevelse gjorde sterkt inntrykk i bygden. Det blev vekkelse. Stille, men dyp. Den ene efter den anden av ungdommerne blev frelst. Det var verdskvælsens tider for dem som lenge hadde bedt om vekkelse paa det sted.

—Trygve Salte.

TIL SAKKÆUS FRA JOHANAN

Skatteopkræver i Magdala

Kjære Sakkæus:

Kan fortelle at jeg har hatt Jesus, profeten fra Nazaret, til middag i dag. Flere av vore venner var ogsaa tilstede.

Naturligvis var vi alle meget optat av hvad han kunde ha at tale om. Ruben, for eksempel, ventet sig en kraftig irettesettelse av farisæerne, men Jesus nevnte dem ikke engang med ett ord, og jeg tror vi alle glemte aldeles bort at der findes slike mennesker i det heletat.

Jeg kom til at nevne min søn Benjamin, for vi vet ikke riktig hvad vi kan gjøre for ham. Vi kan ikke være uten bekymring da der jo ikke er saa mange muligheter for en toldersøn. Jesus viste sig meget forstaaelsesfuld og interessert. Han fortalte mig ogsaa noget fra sin egen barndom, og jeg gjorde tilslut den merkelige opdagelse at han forstod min søn bedre end jeg gjør selv. Sannelig, han forstaar ungdommen.

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KRIG OG BØKER

Redaktøren mottar hver uke en bulletin ("News of Norway") fra Washington D. C., utgit av den kongelige norske regjeringens presserepresentant i U. S., og indeholdende autoritetsmæssige nyheter angaaende tilstanden i hjemlandet. En av disse beretter at en grundig husrengjøring paagaar i Norge paa litteraturens omraade. Bøker av flere hundrede forfattere som ikke er i sympati med nazidømmets vilkaarlige voldsmetoder er allerede kastet paa dyngen. Til disse er nylig lagt beretningen om kronprinsparets besøk i staterne for to aar siden.

Enskjønt ovennævnte tema vel ligger noget utenom Hyrdens egentlige ramme, ønsker vi at gjøre nogen faa bemerkninger.

Tyngden av den veldige krigsmaskin som det tyske folk under mangeaarig besatt ledelse har bygget op med verdenserobring for øie brøt fjor som et uvarslet og uimotstaelig jordskred løs over det forholdsvis hjelpeløse Norge som hadde gjort alt hvad gjøres kunde for at bevare sin nøytralitet. Etter fulde to maaneders haardnakket kamp mot overmakten maatte de tapre forsvarere tilslut heise det hvite flagg.

Men med overlegen kraft at slaa en mand i bakken er een ting; at faa bugt med hans moralske motstand og uvilje noget ganske andet. Det forstaar Hitler bedre end de fleste. Vaabnens nedleggelse betegner bare **begyndelsen** av den langt mere avgjørende opgave: at trampe selve den norske **folkesjæl** i støvet. Dertil kræves omhyggelig opsyn med den aandelige føde som staaar til folkets raadighet. I materiel henseende kan Norge ganske visst baade plyndres og utarmes av en storstilet og hensynsløs roverbande i besittelse av et nærsagt uuttømmelig forraad av moderne krigsvaaben, men noe virkelig samarbeide med befolkningen kan der ikke bli tale om for folkesjælens utvikling er blit ført ind paa nye — for ransmennene mere fordelaktige spor.

La derfor ingen tenke at dette skarpøiede opsyn med hvad folk leser og skriver er av mindre betydning. Det er tvertimot av samme demoniske oprindelse som det militære attentat, og dirigeres av den samme aand som spredte død og ødelæggelse ut over fredelige og vergeløse landsbygger.

At bokhylderne ransakes og delvis tømmes for at skaffe rum for uforfalsket nazilære er derfor intet mindre end begyndelsen av "Den Nye Ordens" aandelige trældom som har til hensikt en planmessig utryddelse av det eiendommelige nationale i tenkemaate og livsanskuelse som er ethvert frit folks drivfjær og bærende kraft. Men hvad Norge angaar tør vi trygt profetere at Herr Hitlers haandlangere vil støte paa en boige likesaa staalsat som de hidtil altfor faatallige Krag-Jørgensen kuler, for frihetstrangen har vært det norske folks særkjende fra arilds tid, og vil under Guds naadige forsyn saavisst tilslut triumfere ogsaa over disse dages tragiske skjærsild.

Skriv som du taler, enkelt og likefrem. Det vidtløftige "boksproket" bryr vi os ikke noe om. Det er som at gaa paa stylder.

Edwin Rollas

Edwin Rollas blev efter en hastig bortgang begravet ved Dahlton kirken under stor deltagelse den 24 januar. Den avdøde efterlater sig hustru og tre barn.

Storm og kulde gjorde dagen mindeverdig. Veien til kirken gik gjennom snefonner op til fire fot høie, og før midnat viste termometeret 60-seksti-grader under nul. Neste dag var det ikke saa koldt, men snefokket var saa tykt at det var vanskelig endog for kjendtmænd at finde vei.

Paa familiens venge vil jeg ta denne anledning til at takke alle som trods sne og kulde møtte frem.

Velsignet være Edwin Rollas minde.
—Peter E. Nelson

Hvorfor sender ikke dere norske litt norsk til bladskuffen?

(Fortsat fra side 1)

Det falder naturlig at snakke til ham som til en man har kjendt hele sit liv. Vi kom saaledes ind i en diskusjon om vor forretning, og jeg begyndte at forklare vore eiendommelige vanskeligheter, hvor umuligt det er at være absolut ærlig bestandig i disse vanskelige tider. Fremtiden er usikker, og familien maa jo ha sit underhold.

Han sat taalmodig og hørte paa mig som om han forstod ikke bare det jeg sa men ogsaa det jeg ikke sa, og som om han var bekymret for os alle sammen. Han gjorde ingen innvendinger, men jo mere jeg saa paa ham jo mere ønsket jeg at jeg aldrig var kommet ind i den forargelige forretningen.

Han kunde se at jeg holdt paa at miste herredømmet over mine følelser. Byfolket siger nok at Johanan er aldeles følelsesløs, og jeg var nesten av samme opfatning selv, indtil idag. Jeg kunde simpelthen ikke forhindre at taarerne stod mig i øinene.

Jesus sa ganske enkelt, "Vær ikke bange. Ta saken i nøie overveielse, og glem ikke at din himmelske far er fullt ut paa det rene med dine vanskeligheter. Pass bare paa at du ikke mister livet paa samme tid som du søker at verne om det."

Kan du forstaa hvad han mente med det?

Da jeg efter middagen skulde si farvel til Jesus kom denne Rachel ogsaa bort til døren. Jeg behøver ikke at forklare nærmere hvad slags forrettning hun har vært i, men du kan begripe at jeg ikke for alt i verden vilde at hun skulde dra kjendsel paa mig. Til min store lettelse hadde hun øie bare for Jesus. Flere av de som stod omkring følte nok det samme som jeg, for de drog sig tilbake da hun kom. Bare Jesus blev staaende, og han saa paa hende med et blikk som jeg aldrig skal glemme. Og saa gikk han like bort til hende og sa med lav stemme disse faa ord, "Gjør det ikke mere!" Selv blev hun staaende maalløs til etter han var gaar; da slog hun med ett henderne for ansiktet, og sprang ned gaten.

Jeg for mit vedkommende fulgte ham ogsaa med øinene saa lenge jeg kunde, og hadde den største lyst til selv at springe efter ham.

Nu er han paa tur til Jerusalem og legger veien gjennom Jeriko. Jeg kom til at nevne dig til ham, og mitt raad er at du gjør alt du kan for at treffe ham personlig.

Vær hermed hjertelig hilset!

Johanan

P. S. —

Benjamin kom ind akkurat nu. Han er en staut gutt som jeg er sikker paa du ogsaa vil like. Mit hjertelige ønske er at bli en bedre far for ham. Husker du da vi i Benjamins alder første gang gikk op til templet? Husker du sangen, "Hvem skal stige op paa herrens bjerg, og hvem skal staa paa hans hellige sted? Den som har uskyldige hender og et rent hjerte, som ikke har vendt sin hu til løgn og ikke har svoret falskelig." (Sal. 24: 3-4).

Vi har tatt feil av veien, Sakkæus. Men betydningen av Jesu besøk maa være den at Gud ikke har gitt os op aldeles.

Tror du vi kan begynne paanytt?

(Omskrevet fra "Kirken og Hjemmet")

Remember the Needs of Norway!

(Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, President of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, in a recent letter to pastors states in part what is quoted below.—Ed.)

"Sunday, May 18th, is an appropriate time to remember in prayer and otherwise the land of our fathers. Where it could be done, it would be fitting to take an offering or solicit gifts for Norwegian Relief.

"Negotiations are going on as to the possibility of sending food, clothing, and medicines. When the time comes that this can be done, without helping the enemy, we must be ready to give all possible aid. No money or supplies will be sent until such time as this is definitely assured, but when the opportunity comes, a great deal more than is now on hand will be needed. When the \$500,000.00 now accumulated is divided among nearly three million people it will not mean so very much. For that reason any additional help by gifts and donations will be appreciated and needed quickly when the opportune time comes to send this help.

"I want to thank you for what has been done for Norwegian Relief and Norwegian Missions in your parish. At the same time I commend to you both these worthy causes for continued support and help. All contributions received can be remitted to our Treasurer, to be forwarded by him to Norwegian Relief or to the National Lutheran Council in the case of Foreign Mission Relief."

From the Stewardship Secretary

More than two months of the new fiscal year have passed. April 30th marks the close of the First Quarter — at least one-fourth (\$251,250.00) ought to be in by that time. Nothing like an early start!

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3: 16) "God is love", He says. There is a great power in this love of God — power to break the hardest heart — power to rise individual men and women who are sunk down in sin and to lift them until they are fit for a place before the Lord Jesus Christ upon the throne.

Therefore, we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren — not only to extend our love to our brethren in the faith but to all men. Go ye, and make disciples of all the nations and preach the gospel to every creature! This means a life of entire self-surrender and consecration. It must be evident to every thinking Christian that the boudless need of this world which lieth in wickedness and death calls for the largest measure of service of which we are capable. What we all need is a larger vision of the world's need and more concern for the perishing and dying — more passion for souls. —B

The Pastor

I've knelt at the family altar;
Taught youth the way of life;
I've prayed when men were dying;
I've pronounced them man and wife.

I've joyed in their first-born gladness;
At altar I've blessed his head;
I've heard the childish prattle;
I've learned of first prayers said.

I've known of his first temptation;
I've challenged his erring feet;
I've heard a parent's heart ache;
I've known their grief complete.

I've seen the tears of repentance;
I've urged the sinner's return;
I've heard men pray for mercy;
I've seen them love discern.

I've stood by the bed of sickness;
I've sat by the one in pain;
I've prayed while men were dying;
I've sighed or rejoiced again.

I've led in the sad procession;
I've preached the comforting Word;
I've consigned flesh to ashes;
I've blessed in the name of the Lord.

—Arthur Eugene Cooper.

P.S.—The above poem was not received from any pastor.—Ed.

To the Work!

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one,
And there's a cross for me."

This verse is in harmony with Jesus' own words to us in Matt. 16: 24: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Final reports on the 1940 "Budget" reveal a considerable improvement when compared with those of previous years, and it is worth noting that had we been a bit still more persistent, gathering just a few dollars more in each of our congregations, we would easily have gone "over the top", and perhaps come close to the Rocky Mountain district which for years has been doing so exceptionally well.

Does not Hebrews 10: 24 speak of "provoking one another to love and to good works"?

May 1941 find us giving our "First-fruits" to the Lord both earlier in and throughout the year, through faithful participation in all activities sponsored for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom in our midst.

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea. Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow Me!"

—A lover of the N.L.C.A.

The Lingjerde Plan of Christian Instruction

This plan was put into operation in Ryley for two weeks. At our District Church Meeting in Edmonton in 1939 the following resolution was adopted:

"We recommend that the plan of securing a parochial school teacher for a number of congregations, as outlined by Miss Lingjerde, be commended to our congregations".

Little has been done about it since that time. Mrs. G. Loken, formerly Miss Lillian Lingjerde, spent two weeks in Ryley in conducting Christian instruction each day after school. Her services in Ryley brought much blessing.

What was the result in Ryley? It was beyond our expectations. About fifty children were enrolled during this period. Average attendance was about 40 per day. Children from many denominations took advantage of this special privilege. Naturally the majority were Lutherans.

It is our sincere hope that this plan may become a reality in our district. It would be splendid if a teacher could spend full time in going from school to school in carrying out this splendid and workable plan.

A. M. Vinge

From Admiral, Sask.

On Sunday April 6th the Ladies Aid of the North Immanuel congregation sponsored a surprise on the pastor, Rev. A. Tveit, in recognition of his 50th birthday. People were gathered for the regular afternoon service, and after the meeting all were invited to the church parlors for a sumptuous lunch, followed by a social hour. The guest of honor was presented with a handsome purse by the president, Mrs. C. Haugen. A special song chosen for the occasion featured the very pleasant get-together.

The Ladies Aid of North Immanuel has held regular monthly meetings in the church parlors this year. The various branches of work supported by our church have been studied, such as the Alaska and Indian mission, the Deaf and Mute mission, and work done by our deaconesses and children's homes.

The Junior L. D. R. girls are busy making a number of articles to be sent to Alaska. At the monthly meetings an effort is made to become ever better acquainted with our missionaries in the field.

On Easter Day the Sunday School together with Luther League members gave a program at the church. The Passion and Easter story were read from the Bible, and suitable songs were sung.

—Correspondent

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, First Nr. in May, 1941

Those Ambitious Censors

It is reported from Norway that the latest step in the 'purification' of Norwegian literature is this: 'Judas' Lie, the Nazi-appointed head of the police department, has given orders that every almanac and calendar in Norway which mentions the birthday of any member of the Royal Family shall be confiscated and destroyed.

—“News of Norway”

From Battleford, Sask.

April 8th was a busy day in the Urland congregation with the breaking of grounds and putting up rafters of the new church building. April 19th saw the finishing of the shingling and the putting in of doors, while the ladies were busy planting trees, clearing the grounds, and serving two full meals to hungry workers.

Sunday, April 20th, will also long be remembered for the joy of seeing again our former pastor, Rev. K. O. Kandal, accompanied by Mrs. Kandal and David. The day became specially significant by reason of the fact that Dr. Iver Iversen, president of the Canada district, and Mr. John Precht, soon to take up his work as new pastor at this place, also were present.

May we more and more learn how to appreciate the privileges which are ours to commune with God in His Word whether at church or at home!

—Mrs. Elling Weum

The Eyes of the World

It is wonderfully sweet for the old flesh to be conspicuous in the eyes of the world, even though it may not be a world of millions, or even of thousands. What will not men do to attract attention? How many otherwise honest souls have not sold their real virtues for the attention of the masses and the talk of the crowd! And why? Evidently because the old ego craves popularity and gain.

Of course, nobody ought to blame a real worker for not procrastinating his chances to reach the pinnacle of his ambition, as long as he pursues his cause in an honest way, and by legitimate means. Such a person is generally meek and lowly at heart, having learned to know his limitations.

The tendency in human nature to seek popularity is universal. It generally manifests itself early in life when we are so apt to think that we know practically everything. Only the Spirit of God can clarify to us really how helpless and miserable we are. But perhaps even then the old self in us will come to the fore, and induce us to make a display of our humility. The world needs to be told what wonderfully saintly characters we have been able to develop! Only to make known that we as Christians are much in prayer for the ungodly and the wayward is a treasured gain to the old self.

Though we may claim that we loth and shun popularity, that we are no publicity seekers, that we do not care one iota about the opinions of others, that we are satisfied to be nothing whatever in this world, and that our sole ambition is to “seek the things that are above,” — despite all this, in the secret recesses of our nature the heinous craving for the eyes of the world to notice us may be more prevalent than ever.

Real men of God, true followers of Jesus Christ, generally have to endure persecutions. “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Tim. 3: 12. And every age has had its martyrs.

The eyes of the world are not approvingly and favorably directed to men of God. Rather they are scanned with disapproval and com-

tempt. With jeers and sneers the world buffets them about and ridicules them for what is considered senseless narrowmindedness. Encouragement for them, however, is found in the words of Jesus, as recorded in Matt. 5: 11 ff, “Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, etc.”

Friend, what is your position in respect to these things? Where do you stand? Do you seek the approval of men merely? Of some who did, the Lord said long ago, “Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.” If you, on the other hand, seek the approval of God as a true follower of Him, expect the world to give you a full measure of persecution. But be of good cheer, dear friend, because you are in good company. In it we find the innumerable throng that “came out of great tribulation,” and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who had to suffer and die at the hands of His adversaries.

If you and I are willing to suffer with Him, we shall also be glorified with Him, and thus soon forget the persecutions here, and the disdain of a world which could give us no approval.

—J. O. Reitan

Christian Opportunities

(Excerpts from a paper prepared by Miss Tilda Holm, former Y.P.L.L. president, Central Lutheran Church, Edmonton.)

The subject assigned me is “Opportunities for soul winning and for personal work among Christians.”

Immediately the question suggests itself, Are there opportunities in our day? I think you will all agree that seldom, if ever, have there been more golden opportunities for Christian people to serve their fellowmen. There are, for instance, the millions of unchurched who won't find Christ unless they are shown the way. Thousands of children need Christian guidance in word and example, and all around us are underprivileged people to whom we could and should minister in the spirit of Christian love.

How do we meet these opportunities? Do we follow the crowd, unwilling to accept responsibility, regardless of our own convictions? Are we, perchance, like the tramp who when asked how he decided in what direction to go replied that he always kept his back to the wind? We won't become soul winners that way!

To win a soul it is not enough to encourage him to be good, to live a clean life, and to take active part in the work of the church. A clear-cut testimony for Christ is required; only the blood of Christ can wash away all sin.

There are opportunities for soul winning in Sunday Schools, confirmation classes, parochial schools, and other schools. Those who are privileged to teach have countless opportunities. The dynamic factor in shaping the world-view of any age is the type of education which trains its youth. Consciously or unconsciously the education of today moulds the thought of tomorrow. Hence, let us waste no opportunity to encourage and to assist young people to attend Christian schools; neither let the “It-is-no-use” excuse keep us from asking people to come to church, and to bring their children with them to Sunday School.

God is showing us over and over again that the “fields are white unto harvest,” and may this year's theme, “Conquering With Christ,” be the slogan of every local league. The greatest good we can do for any man is to introduce him to Jesus Christ.

A Christian loves to have fellowship not only with God but also with other Christians, and the sermons which will do a young Christian the most good are those expressed in the pure and radiant lives of good

Recommendation from the International Board of the Y.P.L.L.

The International Board recommends that the Circuit presidents call the local League presidents together for a meeting just prior to the Circuit convention, or during a meal-time period of the convention itself. At this meeting the Circuit president should: 1) See that all the local presidents get to know one another; 2) Check to see that they have reported the full roster of their local League officers to the International YPLL headquarters; 3) Stress the use of Better Leagues, the Manuals by Mrs. Eide, the new Junior League Manual, and the book of Church Holiday Programs; 4) Check on “Youth For Christ” contributions to see that all Leagues are doing their part; and 5) Acquaint the local presidents with other information gleaned from the District Board meeting which the circuit president attended.

The Board has gone on record as considering the publication, “Favorite Hymns”, the best small hymnal of its type that has been made available, especially at the low cost of 25c, and recommends it for use by local Leagues. The book contains a large number of hymns for youth, including some of the choruses which they seem to receive enjoyment and blessing from singing. There is a possibility that this hymnal might be used by some Bible Camps instead of the regular Bible Camp notebook, though the latter has an advantage in that the pages provided for notes will encourage many campers to take down the inspiration which they receive from the Bible Camp classes.

Announcement

The Spring Convention of the Moose Jaw Circuit will be held in the Lac Qui Parle Church, A. K. Haugen, pastor, June 13—15. The text chosen for the convention is Romans 8: 1—16, which will be introduced by Pastor Johnson of Assiniboia. The Circuit W.M.F. will meet at the same time in the same place.

—Milo E. Lee

Announcement

The Bible Camp of the Moose Jaw Circuit will be held July 21—27, 1941. The teachers at the camp will be G. O. Evenson, dean of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Pastor G. J. Ostrem of Preeceville, Sask., and Pastor A. M. Vinge of Ryley, Alberta. Young people of the Circuit should begin to plan now to attend this camp.

—Milo E. Lee

Christian friends. “Iron sharpeneth iron, so man sharpeneth the countenance of his friends.” Prov. 27, 17.

Let us not neglect our opportunities to talk about Christ, to pray together, and to search the Bible. Let us make our Christian fellowship more Christ-centered than ever before. We can give a personal testimony also by always being agreeable and sympathetic, by refusing to gossip, and by being cheerful and helpful in every way. Above all, we can bear one another's burdens in prayer to Christ, and keep quiet about I, me, and myself. There is no limit to the good a person can do if he does not care who gets the credit.

“You are writing a gospel, A chapter each day, By deeds that you do, By words that you say. Men read what you write Whether faithless or true; Say, what is the gospel According to you?”

The Soldier and Religion

The soldier is constantly associated with his fellow comrades. Either he will merely drift along with the rest, or, if he has had Christian training, attend religious services whenever possible, and seek his company among men he has learned to respect. There is a strange comfort in carrying your Testament in your left shirt pocket. It somehow makes you feel that you are close to God, and that He is directing your ways, through danger, trials, and temptation.

In August, 1918, I was a sergeant stationed at the battle front in France. Our battery of six-inch guns was in position when the enemy began to shell us quite heavily. We had to jump into our shelters consisting of holes in the ground about five feet deep and four feet square, and covered with sheet iron and dirt on top. These holes are sufficient protection against flying shrapnell, but not against direct hits, of course.

A sergeant buddy “friend” and I shared such a shelter hole together. The ground about us was trembling from the explosions of enemy shells, the shrapnell was glancing off the trees, making a singing sound in different pitches.

My sergeant buddy was of the carefree type, whether at home or in camp. He never took religion very seriously, never went to church or attended any meetings in the camp, and did not have any Testament.

But now we were finally at the front, in close contact with the enemy, and in imminent danger of losing our lives as we sat there huddled up in the shelter hole. I noticed that he was pale and scared, and I must have been just as scared. Finally, when the shelling was at its worst, he managed to say to me, “Say, buddy, could I see your Testament?” Eagerly he read, surrendered to God, and was from that time a changed man.

The papers a soldier receives in camp are usually passed from bunk to bunk. Since the soldier welcomes any spiritual reading matter, it would be nice if the Lutheran soldier could get his own church paper, such as the *Lutheran Herald*, *The Shepherd*, or other similar papers. If the church in this manner could keep in touch with her soldier boys, she would be going a long way toward “doing good” both for God and country.

—A World War Veteran.

Prince Albert Circuit Meeting

The Prince Albert Circuit meets in Shell Lake Congregation June 6—7—8. Theme, “The Sower”, Luke 8: 4—15. Opening Sermon, Rev. Dahle, Introduction, Rev. Walker.

Rev. Hans Nelson, Sec'y.

From Strongfield, Sask.

The Luther League Federation of Canada (Lutheran Free Church) will hold the annual conference in the Skudness congregation, Loreburn, Rev. Rue's charge, July 3—6. Rev. Ole K. Olson, of Silvana, Washington, will be the guest speaker. Theme chosen: 1 Peter 5: 5—11.

Margaret Olson, Sec'y



The bargaining for a cow had been going on leisurely for an hour.

Finally the prospective purchaser came flatly to the point.

“How much milk does she give” he asked.

“I don't rightly know,” answered the farmer who owned her, “but she's a good-natured critter and she'll give all she can.”

A colored man got his nerve together and took a flight in an airplane. As he climbed out after the ride, he turned to the pilot and said: “Suh, Ah has to thank you fo' both dem rides.”

“What are you talking about?” said the aviator. “You had only one ride.”

“No, suh,” returned the passenger, “Ah done had two—mah fust and mah last.”

—Sel.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. George Hendrickson, Editor — Tofield, Alta.

Announcements

1. The Prince Albert Circuit W. M. F. will meet in convention in the Prince Albert church, Rev. J. T. Dahle, pastor, on Saturday May 24th, at 10:30 a.m. Convention theme, "Experiencing God's Reality in Life."

Mrs. P. Lerseth, Pres.
Mrs. A. Russel, Sec'y.

2. The W. M. F. of the Camrose Circuit will meet in Wetaskiwin, Rev. K. O. Kandal's charge, on Saturday, May 17th.

Mrs. Arnold Hoveland, Pres.
Mrs. N. E. Pearson, Sec'y.

3. The W. M. F. of Edmonton Circuit will meet Saturday, May 10th, at the Lutheran Church at Ryley, Alta.

Mrs. P. Bjornson, Pres.
Mrs. W. Rugland, Sec'y.

4. The Women's Missionary Federation of the Canada District will meet in convention at Outlook, July 17 and 18th. The L. D. R. district convention will be held on Saturday, July 19th.

The W. M. F. vice-president called together the treasurer and the department secretaries in Alberta on Saturday, April 19th, and had a discussion of plans for the coming convention. A letter from our national president tells us that she is planning on coming, and we are very happy over hat.

We decided to contact the various circuits to see if arrangements could not be made to have Mrs. Holstad travel a bit while she is in Canada. It was also decided to ask ladies who have "Christianson's Fifty Famous Hymns" to learn, either individually or in groups, the following hymns, to be sung in chorus at the convention:

1. Built on the Rock, No. 7
2. The Morning Light is Breaking, No. 17.
3. My Faith Looks up to Thee, No. 38.

Would also ask all to review the Federation Song, "O God of Power, O God of Love, Help us to follow Thee," by Thina Bjorn Mellby.

The historian, Mrs. Sorhus, Camrose, asks that those Aids who have not yet sent in histories will kindly do so very soon, so that she may have ample time to arrange them. She has received several new ones lately, and thanks for them.

The other department secretaries would also appreciate receiving several belated reports. Please send them now, even if it is too late for other report. We can still use this information for our district convention, so please send on a report to each department secretary:

Cradle Roll: Mrs. A. Tveit, Admiral, Sask.

In Memoriam and Life Membership: Mrs. K. Bergsagel (Kyle), Saskatchewan.

Mission Box: Mrs. C. Magnuson, Camrose, Alta.

Thank Offering: Mrs. G. J. Ostrem, Preeceville, Sask.

Box Work: Mrs. K. O. Kandal, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

Christian Nurture: Mrs. Iver Iversen, 710 Albert Ave., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Historian, Mrs. O. Sorhus, Camrose, Alta.

Mountain-Top Experiences

We are now moving into the convention and the camp season, and we think of our conventions and camps as wonderful mountain tops of Christian experience. When Peter, James and John beheld the transfigured Christ on the mountain, they knew they were having the greatest experience of their lives. Peter suggested the possibility of staying there permanently, but of course Je-

sus knew that He and the disciples all had work to do in the valley below.

From this incident we learn that God does want us to have mountain top experiences in our Christian lives. But we also receive the suggestion that these experiences are comparatively brief, and that our continuous daily living must be on a different plane. We cannot stay on the mountain top permanently.

Now our church invites us to share the wonderful experiences in store at our summer institutes and camps, not with the intention that we live there permanently, but only in the knowledge that we will be the better prepared to carry on our God-given tasks in the valley of ordinary living.

—Phillip Dybvig.

Excerpts from Letter Received from Sister Gladys Anderson

Junan, China, Jan. 19, 1941.
Dear Sister Clara:

Many thanks for letter received recently. Letters mean much when you are far from "loved ones." I received many letters this Christmas and I thank God for many dear friends... I was disappointed when I heard that the new missionaries had proceeded to Manila. We were anxiously waiting for the day when they would join us in Peking... We had a very nice Christmas season. I enjoyed "Silent Night" sung in Chinese. Christmas morning we were awakened by the singing of Christmas carols sung by Chinese friends. Sister Marie Fredrickson reached Junan the Sunday before Christmas. Little did I realize last year that we would be together this Christmas. It brought back many blessed memories spent at the Deaconess Home.

No doubt you have heard about our trip inland, and that Rev. Danielson was shot by bandits at a small inn November 28th, at 2 a. m. He went to be with Jesus within two hours. We waited until daylight, then we came to Shenkin and found some missionaries. I haven't words to express how happy we were to see them. We cannot understand why this servant should be taken, but our prayer is that it may be the means of drawing others to Him, our Saviour and King. Mrs. Danielson is very brave... I can truly say my joy is complete in that I can serve my Master in this land of sin and suffering. Will you continue to remember us in prayer. "Our prayers are God's opportunities."

Love in Christ. Sister Gladys.

Receiving to Give

As we receive each new lesson in life, each new piece of knowledge, each new experience, each fresh inspiration, our attitude should be one of reverent and humble unselfishness. We should say, "This is a gift from God to me, all to myself, for my own enjoyment. God gave it to me to make me more a blessing. I must not keep this light burning in the narrow chamber of my own life merely; I must place it so that it will throw its beam upon some other life." Helen Hunt Jackson writes: "I am a humble pensioner, myself, for daily bread; Shall I forget my brothers who seem in greater need? I know not how it happened that I have more than they, Unless God meant that I should give a larger part away. The humblest wayside beggar and I have wants the same, Close side by side we walked when God called out one name. So, brother, it but happened the name He called was mine; The food was given for both—here, half of it is thine."

—My Father's Business

Don't lend Hyrden to your neighbor; get him to subscribe instead!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

"No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my father I have made known unto you." (John 15:15).

The servant takes orders from his master. If he is a good servant, he obeys these orders even though he knows nothing of the master's plans.

The friend of the master is no less obedient to these orders. But because he is a friend, he knows the master's plans. With him the master discusses his plans and shares his problems.

To be a servant of Christ, completely ignorant of the Master's plans, is a great privilege. But it is a far greater privilege to be a friend of Christ, knowing what the Father has revealed to Him.

That revelation is given us in God's Word. There we can learn to know our Master as friend, for there He reveals His mind to us.

Strange, isn't it, that many who call themselves Christians, are not interested in the study of this book.

Strange, isn't it, that many who call themselves friends of Christ do not have the time to talk things over with Him in prayer.

Yes, strange.

Convention and Bible Camp Dates

International YPLL Convention, Billings, Montana, June 25—29. Christopher Lake Bible Camp, June 30—July 13. Yorkton Circuit Luther League Convention, Henden, July 4—6. Saskatoon Circuit Bible Camp, Outlook, July 8—15. Hastings Lake Bible Camp, July 8—15. Moose Jaw Circuit Luther League Convention, July 11—13. District Convention, N. L. C. A., Outlook, July 16—20. Medicine Hat Circuit Bible Camp, July 8—15. Moose Jaw Circuit Bible Camp, Midale, July 21—27.

Comments

Note the change in the dates of the Moose Jaw Circuit Bible Camp, from July 7—13 to July 21—27.

How many Luther Leagues have sent in their "Youth For Christ" contributions? A good start now means that our district Luther League will go over the top again this year.

Money needs to be talked about in our Luther League work. Young people need to see clearly the tremendous importance of the right use of money. The way we use our money talks about us to others. Of many professing Christians it trumpets that they know mighty little of the love of Christ. He challenges us in Luke 16: 9 to so use money as to win friends for heaven. Isn't that a glorious privilege

Suggested Topic Outline Based on 1 Sam. 16:7.

"It's What You Are That Counts"

Introduction: Because men judge by outward appearance, they emphasize what we do. But God places first emphasis on what we are.

1. What we are in ourselves: Jer. 17:9; Mark. 7: 21—23.

2. What every honest person must confess concerning himself: Rom. 7:18.

3. What God promises: Matt. 5:8; Ps. 24: 3, 4.

4. What God has done that we might be different: 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 1:7b; Eph. 1:7.

5. The prayer of the seeking soul: Ps. 51: 9, 10; third stanza of "Rock of Ages."

Conclusion: The heart cleansed through the forgiveness of sins is not the basis for salvation. But it is an occasion for thanks to God. Then is Eph. 5: 18—21 possible.

Your highest duty is to be helpful.

The Lord Stretches the Penny

So often people have said to me, "I'd like to give something to mission work, but I have so little to give." Oh, I wish the people of the church would realize that it is not the gifts, of thousands of dollars, or even of hundreds, that do all the work for God's kingdom! As someone said to me not long ago, "It seems that God stretches the pennies like He blessed the little gift of the loaves and fishes."

There is much truth to that statement. Let me give you just a few incidents that show what even small gifts to God's work can do.

Last year, after hearing one of our missionaries speak of the need in China, the Luther League at a place where I taught parochial school when in college sent me a gift of ten dollars to be used in mission work. The president, in a letter accompanying the gift, made this statement: "We realize that this is only a very small gift, and the check should be much larger, but we hope that this will do a little good." I felt that because this money had come from a young people's group, it should go to young people's work, and sent it to a missionary with this suggestion. And what did this ten dollars do? It sent a fine young Christian Chinese woman to Bible School for a year! Just think of it — only ten dollars, but it gave one young woman a chance to prepare herself for service in God's work in China.

A gift of only one dollar was given to a missionary in the interior to be used for helping an old lady... Only one dollar — and could such a small amount do any good? With forty cents a little old Chinese lady got a new roof for her hut and had enough money left to buy some food. The remaining sixty cents was given to a widow who had three little children to support, and was enough to furnish her and her family with food for a time. Often just a little help when they are in need will bring people to have confidence in the church and they begin to come to its meetings. Soon they are so interested that they want to study for baptism, and the little gift has brought another soul or souls into the kingdom of God!

Pennies are such small bits of money, but they can do a world of good! Two pennies will buy a catechism in China; five pennies will buy a nice little Testament; ten pennies will buy a papercovered Bible.

Yes, God does stretch the pennies! But most of us can afford to give more pennies! One dollar will feed two orphans for a month. Two dollars will almost support an evangelist for a month. Ten dollars will send a Chinese woman or man to Bible School for a year.

"Whatsoever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Truly, giving in His name is one of the greatest privileges of the Christian. Let us open our eyes to the needs of the world. Then the Lord will open our hearts to give.

—Gertrude Sovik,
missionary to China.

S.L.B.I. Closes

The Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute concluded its second school year April 10. During the two terms a total of 74 were enrolled. Humbly we thank God for the blessings of this year.

Book Displays at Conventions and Camps

Circuit presidents and Bible Camp deans are invited to make arrangements for the display of Lutheran books at your respective conventions or camps. If you are interested, write to the editor of this department.